

talking about a system that was built, constructed, engineered to drive at 75 miles an hour. We are talking about something that is safe over and above the limit that we are putting on it. It is also my understanding that should this bill pass and we go back to 70 mile an hour speed limit, and should the federal government go along with that, that I would be introducing legislation to pull the legislation that is in effect right now and the statutes that are in effect that Senator Chambers has with the 10 miles over the speed limit. So I would urge the body at this time to move this bill over to Final Reading so we can vote on it. I am sure once it hits the papers tonight, you will get some favorable feedback from your constituents and I would urge you at this time to pass it over.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I am informed, Mr. President, that for this fiscal year we are receiving 106 to 108 million dollars in project assistance funds for the Department of Roads. It is expected we will receive about that same amount, perhaps a little less under Gramm-Rudman but probably about that same amount for the next fiscal year. Even 10 percent of that is a lot of money. I would urge your opposition to this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman. Senator Goll is next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Evidently, Senator Hoagland, you weren't listening when it was explained to you that we won't lose these funds. Number two, last summer I traveled through Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio, and you would think that the speed limit there was 80 to 85 miles an hour because I did travel 70 and I was left. So the states aren't uniform. I just think it is an issue that...I even talked to a trooper. I talked to a state trooper and I said, does it bother you if we would raise it to 70 miles an hour? And he said, absolutely not. He said, that is fine with me. He had no qualms about it. He works the road. He is out on the road more than I am, more than Senator Wesely is. So if they have no qualms, we are not going to lose any money, and they do it in Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois, evidently they don't lose any money, I don't see why we can't do it here in Nebraska. So I would urge you to support moving it to Final Reading and let's get on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll.